

## BUILDING STRIKE MAY BE BROUGHT BY BRICKLAYERS

Allied Trades Look With  
Concern on Meeting  
Tonight.

An effort will be made tonight by members of the Bricklayers' Union to break the building trades' strike and lockout, which has been standing since early last summer, when the Employers' Association and the Building Trades' Mechanics' Council locked horns on the open shop issue. A special meeting of the Bricklayers' Union has been called, and consternation has been spread in the ranks of the building trades by rumors of possible action by the bricklayers.

Should the bricklayers vote to return to work, all the other trades would undoubtedly follow suit, each making the best terms it could. For some time, it is said, the bricklayers, or rather one faction of them, has been ready to quit the fight and return to work under the old conditions. International President Bowen is in the city in response to a summons, and upon the action of the bricklayers depends the continuance or the abandonment of the present fight by the building trades.

**Large Meeting Expected.**  
A notice has been inserted in the Washington papers, calling attention to the meeting to be held in Odd Fellows' Hall. This will be the first meeting held in Odd Fellows' Hall since the evening early last summer when the bricklayers, on a close ballot, declared themselves with the other trades, and the fight was inaugurated in earnest.

Odd Fellows' Hall was hired at that time, and probably this time, to accommodate the unusual attendance, which will undoubtedly be too great for the regular meeting place at the city hall. The first meeting was a memorable one, as the bricklayers were the key to the situation, and the conditions were made today. Through their superior strength and numbers, the bricklayers play a large part in determining the fate of the building trades.

At the time the bricklayers voted to strike with the rest of the trades the decision was extremely close, despite the efforts of President Bowen and other trades and international officers. There were two factions then, for and against the strike. These two factions are still antagonistic. Recently several new officers were elected, and it is believed the anti-strike faction ousted some of the staunchest supporters of the strike.

**Look for Decision.**

The Bricklayers' Union has not paid any strike benefits for several weeks, it is said, and has not had its paid business agents in the field for an equal period. The active business agents were called in when delegates were sent to the national convention of the trade at Detroit. Since then other building trades have declared the bricklayers have not actively co-operated in the prosecution of the strike, but have wavered backward and forward as first one element and then the other was in control. Tonight will probably see the declaration of a decisive policy.

Practically all other trades hinge upon the bricklayers, and should it be decided tonight that the bricklayers are to return to work, all other trades, likewise, it will make the best terms possible, but all will return under the old conditions. They will go to work on all jobs where union men of their craft are employed, but will not refuse to work with non-union men on another craft. To make it simpler—union carpenters would work with non-union bricklayers, but would not work with a non-union carpenter.

This would mean practically the abandonment and loss of the fight, after nearly a year's hard work. The spring building season will open up within a few weeks, with prospects of another active year in building construction in the District, and this is the turning point. On tonight's action will probably depend the outcome.

## BLACKSTONE INQUIRY SOON TO BE REPORTED

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 27.—A subcommittee to draft the report on the investigation of the charges preferred against Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of the Eleventh judicial circuit, has been named by the house committee on courts of justice. It is understood that the committee will sustain the charges of immorality against the jurist, but will drop the other charges. The hearings were held in private. The report may be presented to the house in the afternoon or tomorrow.

The senate yesterday acted favorably on the house resolution to extend the sessions of the General Assembly from sixty to ninety days. If the resolution is approved by the next Democratic Assembly it will be submitted to a vote of the people.

## Heart on Right Side Startles Physicians When Knife Is Used

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.—When Doctor St. Elmo Sanders, city physician, and Dr. Ball Clayton, house surgeon at General Hospital, performed a surgical operation on John Segrove, a Greek, last week, they found that his heart was on the right side of his body. In fact, all of the internal organs were arranged opposite to those in a normal body.

"It is a most unusual case," said Dr. Sanders today. "There may be a few cases known to medical science, but they are extremely rare. The operation was not occasioned by the arrangement of the organs and the man will recover."

Segrove is 25 years old and has been in Kansas City for five months. He said he did not know the peculiar arrangement of the organs of his body.

## CONCERT TO BE HELD IN TRINITY R. C. CHURCH

A concert under the auspices of the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown, will be given in Masonic Temple tonight. The program includes solos by prominent vocalists, as well as selections by the choir, of which George Herbert Wells is director.

Among those who will appear are Mrs. Mabel Montgomery Reilly, George O'Connor, Charles E. Myers, Leonard O. Wood, Clinton Stumph, Ambrose A. Derkin, James O'Brien and Edna and Frank Hardy, who will present a playlet, entitled "The Mouse Trap." The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the church.

## Thirty-nine Men Control Roads East of Mississippi

Group of 93 Persons Dominates 75 Per  
Cent of Railways of Country, Says Interstate  
Commerce Commission Report.

The extent to which the control of the railroads of the United States is concentrated in a few hands is shown by a report made to the Senate from the Interstate Commerce Commission in response to a Senate resolution of January 13, calling for an exhaustive inquiry into the ownership of the railroads.

It is shown, for instance, that a group of thirty-nine persons has within its control all the railway access to the port of Philadelphia, and practically all that to the ports of New York and Baltimore. The only exceptions worthy of mention are the New York, New Haven, and Hartford, and the Central Vermont in connection with New York, and the Western Maryland system in connection with Baltimore. A large part of the export traffic of the port of Boston originates west of the Hudson river is also within the control of this group, as is also a considerable part of the export traffic of the ports of New Orleans, Mobile, Brunswick, Savannah, Charleston, and Norfolk.

If to this group there be added eighty persons, including six for the Rock Island system, like influence at the Pacific ports is made possible.

**Control East-bound Traffic.**

This control is secured simply by majority on the boards of directors of the different lines whose relationships are in many cases so close as to make them parts practically of one system. The group of thirty-nine men under whose control is carried a large part of the east-bound traffic traversing that section of the United States east of the Mississippi river consists of the following, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission report:

H. McK. Twombly, James Stillman, E. H. Harriman, Charles Steele, George F. Baker, Chauncey M. Depew, H. C. Frick, John P. Green, Sutherland W. Prevost, Samuel Rea, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, James McCrea, Darius O. Mills, William H. Newman, Norman D. Rogers, James Spayer, W. K. Vanderbilt, Robert Bacon, George F. Baer, Samuel F. Barger, William H. Barnes, Harpiss C. Farnestock, Marshall Field, J. J. Hill, James H. Moore, J. Pierpont

## THOMAS CAR HELD TO AWAIT OTHERS

Leader in Auto Race Sacrifices Its Advantage.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The American automobile owner, actuated by a spirit of sportsmanship, will sacrifice two days' racing in the New York-to-Paris race had in the New York-to-Paris race. The Thomas Iyer arrived in Chicago Tuesday, after having gained a substantial lead over the Italian Zusi and French De Dion, and was in good shape to increase its lead.

The foreign cars arrived twenty-six hours later, their drivers feeling disgruntled over what they considered favoritism shown the Americans. In the latter's uninterrupted ride over railroad cross ties for twenty-five miles. C. A. Coey, owner of the flyer, then decided to hold his car until his nearest competitors were ready for a fresh start.

This will be made tomorrow or Saturday morning. The German and French Motobolers are still out in Indiana snow drifts, but are expected here within twenty-four hours. If they can get in readiness for a start Saturday, Coey will ask the Italians and Frenchmen to wait until all of the automobiles can start together.

## HAITI PUTS TROUBLES UP TO UNITED STATES

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Feb. 27.—President Nord Alexis is understood in diplomatic circles here to have put his dispute with the French, German, English, and Spanish consuls "up to Washington," and to be awaiting developments there before determining on a course of action concerning the fugitive revolutionists to whom the consulates have given shelter.

He has represented, it is said, that he cannot maintain order unless permitted to deal with plotters against his government, and that the French and German consuls are to surrender the fugitives unless assurance is given of fair trials, or limitation of sentences to banishment for two years' imprisonment, and of an opportunity to see that the prisoners are well treated while in custody, amounts practically to a demand for the surrender of Haitian sovereignty.

## ANNAPOLIS PROFESSOR PLACED ON RETIRED LIST

E. K. Dawson, professor of mathematics at the United States Naval Academy, and Surgeon Victor C. B. Means, have been placed on the retired list of the navy.

Prof. Dawson was appointed a professor of mathematics from New York in October 1890, and has served continuously at the Naval Academy. Surgeon Means is a native of North Carolina, and was appointed to the navy from that State in June, 1884.

## LIVED WITH BROKEN BACK, FALLS VICTIM TO GRIP

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 27.—Roy Hiscok, who two years and a half ago broke his back by walking out of a second-story window in his sleep, is dead of grip, after an illness of seven days.

He was sent to Bellevue Hospital in New York at the time of his accident, and recovered the use of his hands, which had been paralyzed, so that he was able to operate a typewriter. He survived, also, a long run of typhoid fever, even after he was discharged from Bellevue.

## CORD ABOUT NECK, SUCHE SWINGS FROM DOOR JAM

Aged Employee of Home-  
ward Mission Ends  
His Life.

With a ash cord tied around his neck, and hanging from a nail driven into the door jam, Peter Stohl, fifty-five years old, a laborer, was found dead in his room at the Homeward Bound Mission this morning, by John and Patrick Casey, two employees of the mission.

Mrs. Jennie Haslam, commander of the mission, said this morning that Stohl had been employed at the place as a laborer for about a year. The man was apparently in perfect health, but always has been of a morose disposition. As far as is known, he has neither relatives nor close friends in Washington. He never has given any intimation that he intended taking his life.

Several letters under dates of two or three years ago were on the bureau in his room, on the fourth floor of the building. They were written in German, and, as far, the police have been unable to learn the names of the senders.

Stohl's duties were to clean and sweep, and to make fires at the place. When he did not arise at his usual hour, John and Patrick Casey, former pushed the door open and saw Stohl, with the ash cord around his neck and his feet dragging on the floor. Both men rushed down stairs and found Policeman Roswell, of the Sixth Precinct, and informed him of their discovery.

The coroner has been notified, and will issue a certificate of death by suicide this afternoon. The body was taken to the Morgue.

## GRANDWIFE OF DUMAS HERE FOR STAGE CAREER

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Mlle. Marie Dumas, who says that it is no mere coincidence that her name suggests one of the giants of French literary art, for voluminous family records show that she is a grandniece of Alexandre Dumas—arrived in New York from Paris yesterday, on vaudeville bent.

Mlle. Dumas has learned English, though she speaks it with a strong French accent. She will act the part of a restaurant cashier in a one-act comedy by Charles Horwitz entitled "January the First." As French cashiers are not altogether unknown in New York, the linguistic discrepancy, perhaps, won't matter much.

In France Mlle. Dumas has played many roles, from the fearful Louise in "The Two Arphons" to the emotional Cyprienne in "Divorcements."

**ITALIANS' PLOT UNEARTHED.**  
CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—A plot to obtain money for the Italian revolutionists by threats to kill him if the money was not forthcoming was discovered by the police and James Cimino is under arrest on suspicion of having written three threatening letters to Joseph Macaluso, who conducts a labor agency on North Dearborn.

They demanded \$5,000 under penalty of death.

## GREATEST RUMMAGE SHOE SALE

Washington has ever known  
Positively ends Friday Night

And the addition of many perfect and most desirable shoes in place of damaged shoes that have been sold will make it well worth your while to call tomorrow—even if you've already done so.

We've determined to SWEEP OUT all our mismatched, defective, and off-style shoes, together with perfect footwear in narrow widths and broken sizes.

These remarkable values on tabs at our 7th Street Store. May be tried on—but CANNOT BE EXCHANGED—WILL NOT BE SENT C. O. D.

Men's, Women's, and Children's Shoes, that were  
\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00, at ..... \$1.00

Some of these goods are mismatched or defective, but most of them are perfect, only in badly broken sizes.

Men's Kid, patent or calf Boots and Low Shoes, House Slippers, and House Slippers.

Boys' and Girls' High and Low Shoes.

At 50c  
Old Ladies' Shoes, Women's Oxford, Women's Strap Slippers, Women's Boudoir, Child's Arctics.

Values to \$1.50

At 25c  
Women's Strap Slippers, Women's Turkish or Japanese Bath Slippers, Infants' Shoes, Child's Slippers, Child's Rubber, Child's Leggings.

Values to \$1.25

At 10c  
2c Polish, Infants' Ankle Supporters, Colored Linen 5c Overalls.

Infants' Kid Moccasins, Soiled Lamb's Wool Socks, Slipper Buckles.

Values to 75c

These Friday Bargains at All 3 Stores

Women's \$3 to \$5  
Boots and Evening Slippers  
\$2.65

23 kinds of black and a few tan Calf, Patent Kid, and Colt Boots in regular or extra high cuts.

Also Evening Slippers in beautiful, graceful styles of pumps, strap sandals or hand-turned ties with Louis XV or high Cuban heels and plain or handsomely beaded fronts.

Women's \$2.50 Quality  
Boots and Slippers  
\$1.87

The Boots are made of good wearing grades of kid and calf, popular, comfortable shapes, in blucher or button.

The Evening Slippers include pumps, strap effects or ribbon ties, French or high leather heels. In black or white kid, dull calf, patent colt and several pretty colors.

These celebrated "ARCH SUPPORT" Hand-woven Kid or Gun Metal Blucher, Laced or Button Boots are dwindling down fast.

Sizes 5 to 2. Were up to \$2. Friday..... \$1.29

Sizes 1 1/2 to 6. Were \$2.50 and \$3. Friday..... \$1.69

Cor. Seventh and K Sts.  
1914-16 Pa. Ave. N. W.  
233 Pa. Ave. S. E.

W.M. HAHN & CO.'S  
THREE RELIABLE SHOE HOUSES

## FLEE TO LEAVE CALLAO TOMORROW

Officers Caught in Land-  
slide Rescued by  
Railroad.

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 27.—Foreign Minister Torrey and the duty officers from the American battleship fleet, caught yesterday and temporarily cut off from the road back to Lima by a land slip on a mountain side in Tamabaque, are expected back today.

The railroad company has sent a special train, to which they will be transferred without the necessity of awaiting repairs to the track at the point where it was swept by the avalanche. Only a comparatively short tramp from train to train will be needed. In the meantime the party is not likely to suffer, as the train was liberally stocked with food and drinkables.

Shro leaves will end tonight, and tomorrow the fleet will steam from Callao harbor for Magdalena bay. Word had been received that the torpedo boat flotilla left Talcahuano, Chile, for Callao yesterday.

## Naval Officers Excited By Order For Service

MANILA, Feb. 27.—Naval officers are very much excited over the order received here for the equipment of all ships at the Philippine station for protection service—in other words, three months at sea.

While the order is generally accepted as indicating no more than elaborate maneuvers with the fleet expected from the United States, it is recognized that it might also be significant of eventualities.

In view of the recent Japanese-American war talk, every move which might mean something in this direction immediately becomes the subject of absorbing interest.

## FORM GROWLER COMBINE, PITCHER USED AS CLUB

Charged with striking Lena Donmore, colored, on the head with a pitcher of foaming beer, Elizabeth Lulu Butler, also of colored extraction, is locked in a cell at the Fourth precinct, where she sits in a pensive mood, ever and anon cogitating over the loss of the beverage and her liberty at one blow.

Because Lena had furnished half the wherewithal and all of the energy to "rush the growler," she thought it only fair that she should be No. 1 in imposing a draft of the amber fluid. Elizabeth Lulu looked at the situation in a different light, therefore she snatched the receptacle while Lena was taking off her coat, and glued her lips to the mouth. Lena heard a noise like the running of a mountain stream over boulders and turning saw that it was caused by Elizabeth's peculiar, but highly successful method of drinking.

Uttering a yell of rage she dived for her one-time friend, who, seeing the approaching avalanche, deftly swung the pitcher on high and let it descend with sleep-producing force upon Lena's head. Lena's shriek of pain was heard by a policeman, who entered and placed her in the cell. The pitcher will be arraigned before Judge Kimball tomorrow morning.

## COCHRAN HOME SOLD.

Warren Cochran has sold his residence, 2313 Eleventh street, to Mrs. Francis M. Snyder for \$6,000. Mrs. Snyder will occupy the house as her residence in the fall. The property was sold by Boss & Phelps.

## HOUSES IN SOUTHEAST BOUGHT BY INVESTORS

Mrs. M. E. Haynes has sold through Stone & Fairfax the two-story dwelling 135 Heckman street southeast, and C. F. Seitz has sold through the same firm the two-story brick dwelling 68 E street southeast. The purchasers are local investors, and pay \$6,500 for the properties. The Inquads apartment house on M street, near Thomas circle, has changed hands for \$25,000. Dr. Ernest Pease, of New York, a large investor in Washington real estate, is the purchaser. Mr. Pease purchased this from Ben Bradford several months ago, when the latter acquired his Fourteenth street property.

## REBUILDING SALE PRICES ON GLOVES

50 LARGE SUEDE  
GLOVES AT 29c  
Long gray and black Suede Gloves; full elbow length, all sizes.

25c GOLF GLOVES  
AT 8c PAIR  
Regular 2c value. In white only.

\$1.00 2-CLASP KID  
GLOVES AT 69c  
This is the best Glove value in town. All the latest styles.

39c EIDERDOWN,  
ALL COLORS, 14c  
Only a limited quantity of this, the best grade—all colors.

\$1.50 LACE CURTAINS  
AT 88c  
Full 3 1/2 yards long; excellent quality, fine patterns.

59c DOUBLE-BED  
SHEETS AT 42c  
Full double-bed size, good grade, soft finish. No more than four sold to one customer.

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Children's, in all colors; all wool.

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Only a few of these. In red only.

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SILK AT 3c  
In all colors; limited quantity.

15c ALL-SILK No. 40 TAF-  
FETA RIBBONS AT 7 1/2c yd.  
In all colors; all shawls.

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AT 31c  
All colors.

15c LADIES' HOSE  
AT 5 1/2c  
Fast black, seamless. 6 pairs to a customer.

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## SALARY PROBLEM BEFORE CONGRESS

Keep Commission's Report  
Referred to Special Com-  
mittee by Tawney.

Chairman Tawney, of the House Committee on Appropriations, today took the first step toward having Congress dispose of the recommendations of the Keep Commission for the regrading of salaries in the executive departments of the Government.

He referred the report of the commission to a special subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations. Of this subcommittee, Representative Frederick Gillett, who is chairman of the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service, will be chairman. The other members will not be named until Mr. Tawney can confer with Mr. Gillett, who will return here from Massachusetts Monday.

That the subcommittee will not endorse all the recommendations of the Keep Commission, is practically assured, even at this early date. For instance, the recommendation that the money counters in the Treasury Department be classified under a salary list almost as low as that of "laborers" will meet with no approval at the hands of the members of Congress.

It is known that last year Mr. Gillett was in favor of regrading the salaries in the departments, and it is reasonable to assume that he still favors such a proposition.

Nevertheless, as the Committee on Appropriations has set its face against any increased expenditures in this session, the chances are that the recommendations of the commission will not be enforced by this session. This is especially emphasized when it is remembered that the Keep Commission's report recommends an increase of \$1,000,000 in the salary list of the departments.

President indications are that the subcommittee in charge of the report will take action looking to a fulfillment of the terms of the report in the next session of Congress.

## REBUILDING SALE PRICES ON COATS AND SKIRTS

\$10.00 LONG  
COATS FOR \$4.95  
Choice of any long black or tan Covert or Broadcloth Coat in the store. Some of these sold up to \$15.00. Some are lined, some half lined.

\$20.00 NEW SPRING  
SUITS FOR \$9.95  
In blue, black, or brown, of Panama, Novelty, Mohair, or Herringbone cloths. All the newest Spring modes.

\$8.00 LONG NOVELTY  
CLOTH COATS AT \$1.69  
Only a limited quantity of these. They are full 50 in. long, of mixed cloth, with or without velvet collars and cuffs; all sizes.

\$4.00 CHILDREN'S  
COATS AT \$1.79  
These are novelty Coats, long, and trimmed with braid velvet. Some are worth \$4.

\$3.50 BEARSKIN  
COATS AT \$1.39  
Children's Bearskin Coats, in all colors and sizes. Only a limited quantity of these, so come early.

\$3.00 DRESS  
SKIRTS AT 97c  
Odds and ends of Dress Skirts in black and colors. These are actually worth up to \$3.00.

\$1.00 MOHAIR  
WAISTS AT 52c  
In navy blue only; only a few of these left; a big bargain.

\$1.50 WHITE LAWN  
WAISTS AT 95c  
Embroidery and lace yokes; surprised effects. Best waist value in the city.

25c CORSET  
COVERS 19c  
Quite a number of these. They are lace trimmed and very dainty.

\$4.98 SILK  
UNDERSHIRTS \$2.75  
These are all silk, in blue, brown, and black. An exceptional value.

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